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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Drew E Becker	1761	

-- *The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address* --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *13 February 2004*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-15* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) *12,13 and 15* is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-11 and 14* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☒ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of claims 1-11 and 14 in the response of February 4, 2004 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

2. Claims 12-13 and15 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected group, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement filed July 8, 2002 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each U.S. and foreign patent; each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. The two "Other Documents" have not been found. In addition, they do not have publication dates.

4. The IDS filed August 20, 2002 does not comply with 37 CFR 1.98 since the Singh et al reference does not include a publication date.

Specification

5. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it contains two paragraphs. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 1-11 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

8. Claim 1 recites a "reduced amount of mango juice pulp". It is not clear what level, or amount, would qualify as being a "reduced amount".

9. Claim 5 recites "wherein the mango juice is mango puree". It is not clear how the mango material can be "juice" in claim 1, yet also be "puree" in dependent claim 5.

10. Claim 7 recites "excellent flavor". It is not clear what type of flavor would be considered "excellent".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

11. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

12. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chen et al [Pat. No. 5,756,141].

Chen et al teach a processed mango juice having substantially no pulp (column 7, lines 33-60; claim 3), mango puree (column 5, line 45), a beverage made from mango juice and water (column 5, line 26), inherently preventing sedimentation due to the lack of pulp, providing lowered viscosity and excellent flavor (column 4, lines 58-65), the use of 5-35% aloe vera (column 13, line 20), an alcoholic drink (column 11, line 67). Phrases such as "by centrifugal separation" are merely preferred methods of making the claimed product. Product-by-process claims are not limited to the manipulations of the recited steps, only the structure implied by the steps. "[E]ven though product-by-process claims are limited by and defined by the process, determination of patentability is based on the product itself. The patentability of a product does not depend on its method of production. If the product in the product-by-process claim is the same as or obvious from a product of the prior art, the claim is unpatentable even though the prior product was made by a different process." In re Thorpe, 777 F.2d 695, 698, 227 USPQ 964, 966 (Fed. Cir. 1985)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

13. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

14. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al as applied above, in view of XP-002201947.

Chen et al teach the above mentioned components. Chen et al do not recite fruit wine. XP-002201947 teaches a fruit wine made from mango juice (abstract). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the fruit wine of XP-002201947 into the invention of Chen et al since both are directed to mango juice beverages, since Chen et al already included alcoholic drinks (column 11, line 67), and since mango wine was commonly known as shown by XP-002201947.

15. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al as applied above, in view of DE 20102826U1.

Chen et al teach the above mentioned components. Chen et al do not recite liqueur. DE 20102826U1 teaches a liqueur made from mango juice (abstract). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the liqueur of DE 20102826U1 into the invention of Chen et al since both are directed to mango juice beverages, since Chen et al already included alcoholic drinks (column 11, line 67), and since mango liqueur was commonly known as shown by DE 20102826U1.

16. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al as applied above, in view of Wu et al [Pat. No. 5,468,508].

Chen et al teach the above mentioned components. Chen et al do not recite a transparent container. Wu et al teach a mango juice in a glass bottle (column 9, line 28; column 4, line 64). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the glass bottle of Wu et al into the invention of Chen et al since both are directed to mango juice beverages, since Chen et al already included packaging

(column 13, line 58), and since mango juice was commonly bottled in glass packages as shown by Wu et al.

17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Downton et al [Pat. No. 5,411,755] teach a mango juice beverage.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Drew E Becker whose telephone number is 571-272-1396. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur. 8am-5pm and every other Fri. 8am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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